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The Trout Stream at Camp Owasisippe.





Crystal Lake

**Boyhood** needs this  
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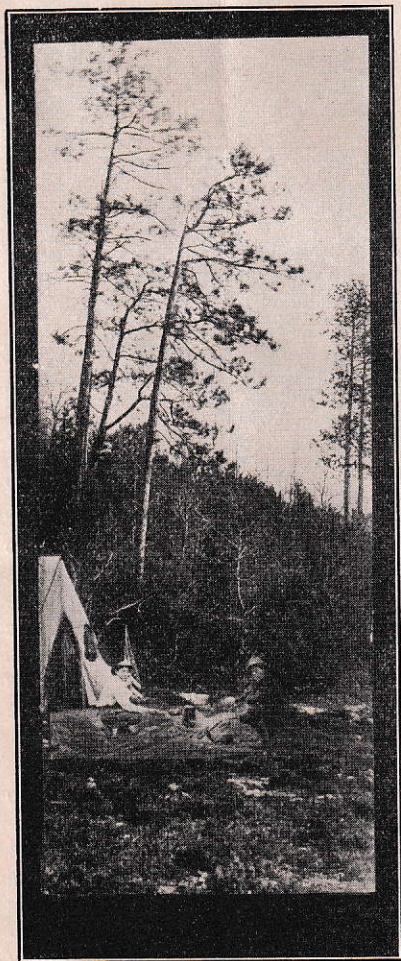
# CAMP O-WA-SIP-PE

## The Chicago Boy Scout Summer Training Camp

FIFTH SEASON, 1916



WHEN the broad axe and the grating saw ate into the vitals of the great pines and giant oaks of the North Woods they stripped some of the grandeur from the hills, but in their stead grow thousands where there had been hundreds of varieties of plant life.



Forty years of genial sun and rain have replaced the great forests with a thick growth of cedar, pine, maple, hemlock and oak, while broad acres of shrubs in the more open places are laden with fruit and berries in profusion. *Michigan Woods*

The Chicago Boy Scouts own outright 100 acres lying around Crystal Lake, which is one of the most beautifully located and fascinating spots for camping in the North. Gently rolling back from the clear waters of Crystal Lake, the sandy soil lends itself to camp life as ideal, and it is here that the Chicago troops spend their summer vacation time in training, such as can be had only in the open forest where Nature's lavish hand has furnished ample material to inspire and instruct those who would know her mysteries.

Only four miles inland from White Lake, though completely obscured from signs of human habitation, for owing to the sandy nature of the soil what once were cleared farms have for the most part been abandoned. All that fascinates in the outdoors and all that benefits and trains in Scoutcraft are there. Safety to health is insured by the pure water

*Many Natural Advantages*

from deep wells for drinking, and the clear, sparkling lake, wholly free from vegetation or other source of contamination, to tempt the camper to vigorous swimming, boating and angling exploits.

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**CHIEF CAMPMASTER J. P. FITCH**, who has spent many years among the real Indians of Southwestern Oklahoma, has originated for the members of the Chicago Scout camp an order styled "The Tribe of O-wa-sip-pe." Any Scout

### *The Tribe of O-wa-sip-pe*

who has visited Camp O-wa-sip-pe one or more seasons since 1912 is entitled to membership and such rank as the number of years he has been to camp may entitle him.

The officers of the tribe are Big Chief, Medicine Men, Chiefs, Warriors, Hunters, Messengers and Papooses. The Big Chief and the Medicine Men must be Scoutmasters or camp officials. All boys who have been in camp four years are entitled to wear the badge of Chief; three years, Hunter; two years, Warrior; one year, Messenger. The new boys are Papooses. Appropriate badges are worn by members to indicate the various degrees.



Special achievement is indicated by the number of "scalps" which the boy secures. Scalps may be secured as follows: For enrolling another boy for camp, one scalp; advancing at camp from Second Class to First Class, one scalp; for each merit badge taken at camp, one scalp; any five merit badges, moved up one degree. For the Life Scout advanced standing will be given for one degree. Some is true for the Star Scout and the Eagle Scout. Camp medals will be given also for special camp service such as officer of the day, officer of the guard, and assignment to the charge of a squad by the Chief Campmaster.



**WHY HAVE** thousands of boys flocked so eagerly to the Scout movement? The answer is that it is a great educational movement, founded on a clean, wholesome, good time out of doors, with no degrading or ill effects because its training is in the language of boyhood, and contributes to his development along useful lines. What the Boy Scout movement is to American boys in general, Camp O-wa-sip-pe may be for the Chicago Scouts in particular. As the Scout movement helps American boyhood so will time during the boy's vacation spent at Camp O-wa-sip-pe help in the development of the Scout spirit in every troop. The camp stands for highest efficiency in training for advancement, leadership and good citizenship, offered at a cost within the reach of all boys who desire to attend.

### *For Better Scouting*

No boy is barred from the Scouts. No Scout is barred from the camp. Any boy who thinks he is going to have trouble getting to go, should write the camp master now. He can help out. Every Chicago Scout is wanted as a tribesman.





CAMP O-WA-SIP-PEE is a Boy Scout camp run by grown-up Boy Scouts for the members of the troops in their charge. Eliminating all of the summer resort formality in recognition of the boys' natural love of rustic nature, the camp stands as a genuine wildwood retreat, in which the true Scout may live over the experiences of the Nation's pioneers and frontiersmen.



WELL equipped pioneer's workshop on the grounds make possible training in carpentry, craftsmanship, pioneering and handicraft. C. B. Spies, District Commissioner for the West Side, with his wonderful jack-knife and stories of how to make things, will be in camp four weeks during the summer. Bridges, cabins, and rustic camp furniture, the material for which is always at hand, may be made by boys wishing to qualify in merit badge instruction or to render lasting good turns by adding to the equipment of the camp.

### *The Shop*



Complete instruction will be given in how to put up and care for a permanent camp, an overnight camp, or a mere stop-off for a meal. Large brick ovens with steel covers have been erected for the use of each model troop. On these a cooking squad will prepare the noon-day meals. It is believed that the experience of getting commissary supplies and the preparing of one meal each day will be valuable and interesting training for the Scouts. The making of shelters from boughs and the various styles of protection from the wind and rain, by the use of materials at hand, will be taught. Camp sanitation and selection of sites will be brought out through practical experience on hikes and in the detached model camps.

### *The Camp*

The woods about Camp O-wa-sip-pe are a marvel of all varieties of plant life. The sandy soil makes ideal tracking ground. More than fifty varieties of birds from chickadees to herons fill the morning air with their cries. Pathfinding and forestry merit badge tests will be offered and the density of the woods lends a charm to this branch of Scouting that cannot be had elsewhere.

### *The Woods*





FIELD meets consisting of the usual events, such as high school and grammar school boys are accustomed to will be held during each camp period of two weeks. Horses will be provided by the camp, and a small rental is charged for their use by the hour. Chief Whitewing, a favorite of the 1915 camp, has promised to be in camp and take charge of the making of bows and arrows, sweat lodges and wigwams, and will interpret for the Scouts all manner of Indian lore and customs.

### *The Field*

The swimming will be in charge of an expert swimming instructor and a special effort will be made to teach every boy to swim. By a series of land drills and individual instruction this is nearly always possible. A twenty-foot dory has been added to the equipment, and will be used for instruction

### *The Water*

and practice in life saving. Ten non-sinkable steel row boats are at hand for the use of the boys free of charge. Splendid fishing for black bass, perch, wall-eyed pike, and brook trout is to be had in Crystal Lake and the adjoining lakes, the trout stream and White River, all within easy reach of the camp.



Tug of War



A Game of Water Base Ball

Signaling from the thirty-foot tower, a complete wireless outfit, semaphore stand and helio-graph, are apart of the equipment.

Conservation and thrift of natural resources of our country will be taught, with special attention to

the forests and plant life of the woods.

First Aid instruction for Second Class and First Class tests will be given, that boys wishing to advance a grade may do so.

A most wonderful view of the heavens is to be had on a clear night from the tower, and astronomy will be taken up in its simpler elements.

Opportunity will be given to perfect troop drill under Scoutmasters and competent drill masters.

Everything that can be taught of outdoor Scoutercraft will be covered, and an examination given when desired.

Scoutmasters I. B. Gilbert, G. G. Walker, E. H. Lunde, E. J. Freeman, O. W. Neeves, P. H. Clark, S. M. Major, F. J. Cihak, J. A. Sokol, W. G. Moffatt, and other expert leaders of boys will help to make this instruction possible.

### *General*



**T**HE camp will be arranged into model troops of 32 boys each. The equipment provided for each model troop consists of five tents, a brick oven, kitchen outfit, such tools as are necessary to cleanliness and care of the grounds and quarters. The officers of the model troop are Scoutmaster and Assistants, the bugler, quartermaster, Senior Color Bearer, and Patrol Leader in charge of each tent. The troop quartermaster will be under the camp quartermaster, and will be made responsible for such equipment as is issued to his troop. The discipline and program of each model troop will be largely up to the Scoutmaster in charge, but subject to such general rules as safeguard the camp in matters of sanitation, order and police duty.

### *Model Troop Organization*



Absences from the camp shall be reported to troop Scoutmasters. Troop absences must be in charge of adult and reported in advance by him. Injuries, however small, must be attended to at once by the camp doctor. Use only medicines issued or O. K.'d by the camp doctor. Strict obedience to orders and regulations of the hospital tent. The officer of the day will be in charge of a picked squad of Scouts who shall act as police of the camp during the day. A similar squad will be in charge of the officer of the guard. The guards will be detailed by the troop Scoutmaster and will be given instruction at guard mount ceremony each day. The camp will be patrolled at night until 11:00 o'clock, at which time the guard will retire to their quarters, resuming patrol at 5:30. Disturbances during the night or day are expected to be controlled by the safety police. A special badge will be given to the safety police consisting of a design combining the Scout emblem and a star.

### *Safety Police*

**Be Prepared, Join the Tribe of O-wa-sip-pe and make reservation for your troop at once. Application blank on page 12.**



# THE OFFICIAL CHICAGO BOY SCOUTS

## OPEN JUNE 26th TO



N every well directed camp for boys the item of most vital importance is that of safety from accident and sickness. City boys, unaccustomed to life in the woods, may find the summer camp a detriment to health and happiness unless such camp is properly equipped and in charge of men of experience who can direct them in their recreation.

### Health and Happiness.

### Safety First

At Camp O-wa-sip-pe every precaution has been taken to prevent possible accident, with the result that in four seasons with 2,700 boys in camp not a single case of serious accident or illness has resulted. This safety precaution in the way of swimming guards and instructors, hike masters, cooking instructor, and camp physician gives opportunity for advancement in Scoutcraft grade not possible in other camps or in the city. No additional charge is made for such instruction. The Michigan camp covers a large tract of woodland

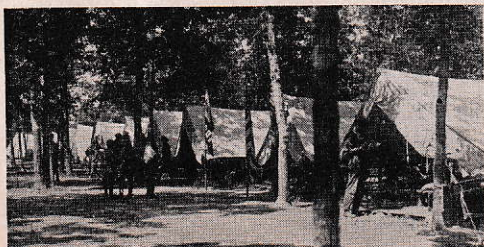
### Equipment

owned by the organization and equipped at a cost of over \$8,000. Boats, tents, tools, cots and other necessary equipment are furnished free of charge to regular campers and at a nominal charge to members of detached camps. Hundreds of acres of forest surrounding the camp give special

### Pioneering and Forestry

opportunity for the study of pioneering, forestry, woodcraft and nature study.

The cleared land and open space bordering the many inland lakes and streams abound in wild flowers and many varieties of wild berries and



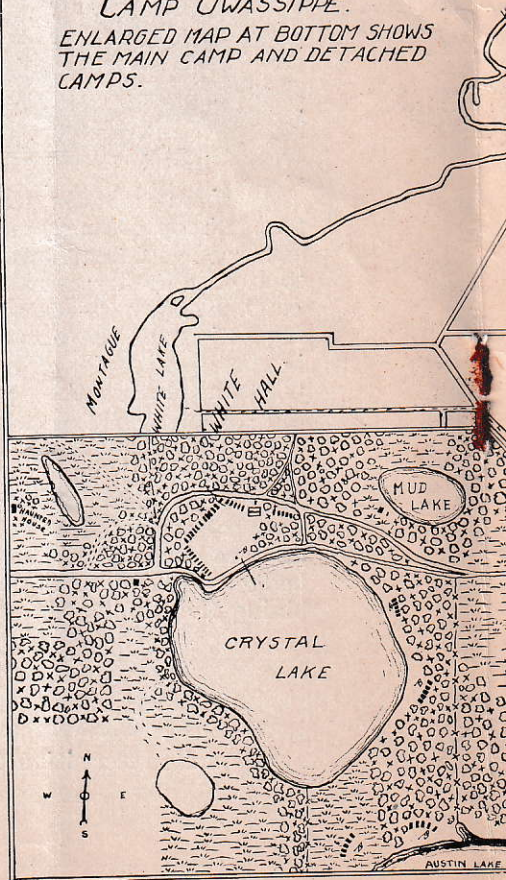
Tenting in the Wilds of Michigan.



MAP OF THE CRYSTAL LAKE REGION SHOWING HIKES OF INTEREST FROM

CAMP OWASSIPPE.

ENLARGED MAP AT BOTTOM SHOWS THE MAIN CAMP AND DETACHED CAMPS.





# SCOUT TRAINING CAMP--Whitehall, Mich.

TO AUGUST 26th, 1916

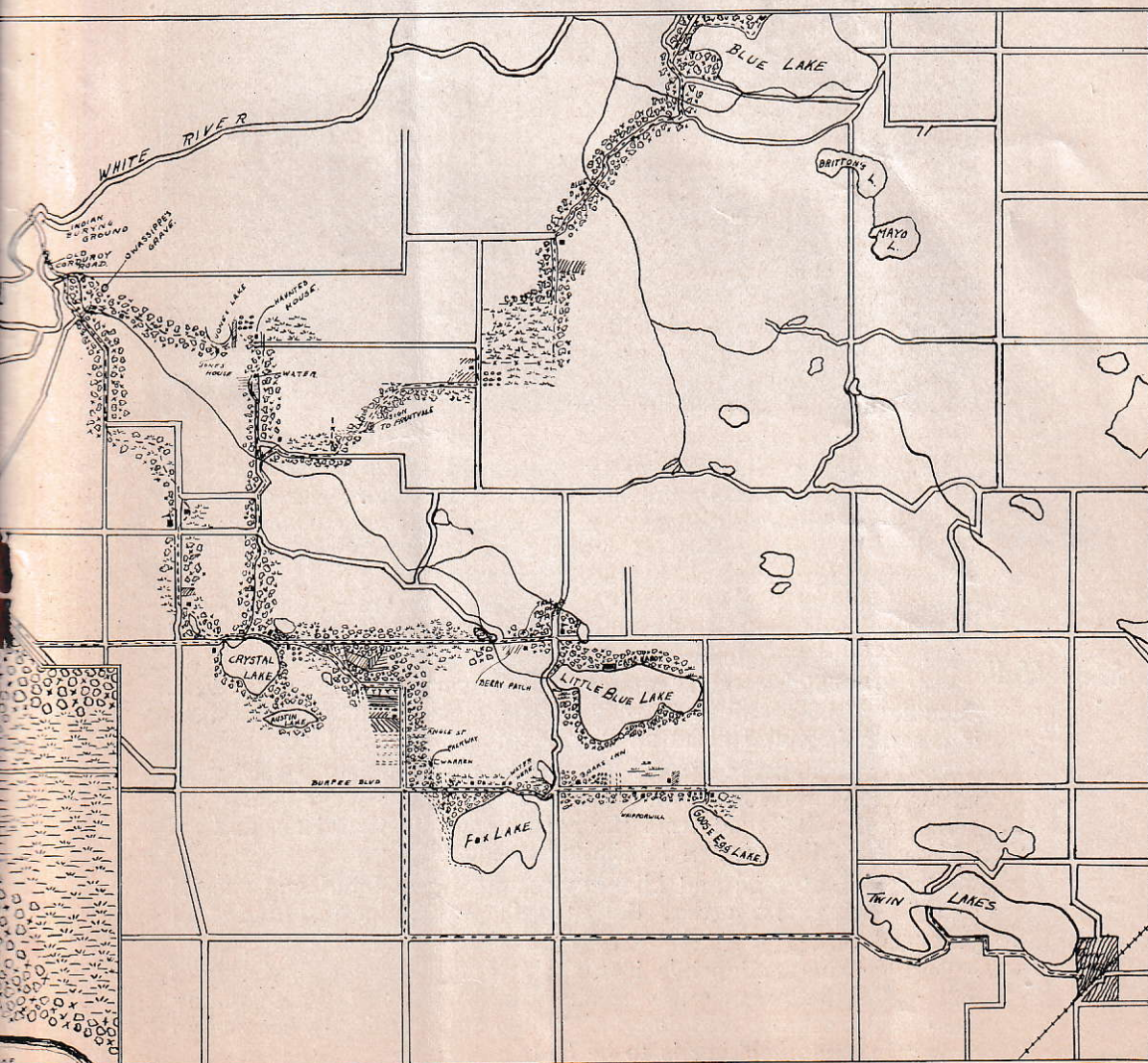
herbs, which are a particular delight to the Scout on hikes and overnight camps.

Long hikes and trips to points of interest are shown in the accompanying map, only a few of which have been mapped. A feature of the coming season's program will be the completing of the map of trails and hikes to historic points.

Every Scout who desires to become an expert woodsman and camper should attend Camp O-wa-sip-pe at least two weeks every summer. This is the greatest training camp for Scouts in America.



Scouts Gathering Wild Berries Near Camp.







XPERT instruction will be given every Scout who attends the camp in preparation of food over fires in the open. In former years such instruction has been confined to hiking parties only. The importance of knowing how to cook over a fire in the open is so great that during the coming season all mid-day meals will be prepared by detail of six Scouts for each troop. Utensils and provisions necessary will be

### *Camp Cooking*

furnished free of charge from the camp commissary. Instruction will be given by experienced campers, and will prepare Scouts for cooking examinations in First Class and Merit Badge requirements.



In the detached model camps and on all hikes the preparation of food will be left to the individual Scout under the direction of the instructor in charge. In the case of detached troops provisions will be furnished at retail price from camp commissary, thus avoiding delay and expense of cartage.

Breakfast and supper will be served in the mess hall. Each model troop furnishes its own waiters, supplying list to head waiter in advance.

### *Mess Hall*

Breakfast and supper will be served in the mess hall. Scouts will be required to wait upon the table, but all dishwashing, scrubbing, and clean-up work is done by paid help.

Food will be served to all Scouts alike, and unless special permission is given cannot be taken to or from the mess hall. The noon meal will issued from the commissary by the clerk, and all rations for hikes drawn in similar manner.

Plenty of utensils and hike equipment are at hand and special care is being taken that the food is good, plentiful and well prepared.

Dutch ovens, collapsible iron stoves and the large field ranges will make the preparation of the hike meals and the noon-day meal in the camp a real delight. A fine opportunity to become an expert in camp cooking is to be had.





HE tents will be kept in good order at all times. Daily inspection will be held, and a banner given for the best tent each week. The cots will be placed in a permanent arrangement and the care of beds and personal belongings will be left to the Scouts under supervision of the patrol leader in charge of the tent.

### *Tents*

Formations will be for ceremonies such as guard mount, evening colors, and for mess and swimming. All formations of model troops will be made by troop Scoutmasters.

### *Formations*



The usual Scout courtesies will be practiced in camp. The lowering of the colors in the evenings is a most interesting ceremony and will be a part of the daily program. The Scout salute is the camp salute, and is a form of respect which all Scouts must use when passing camp officers close enough to be recognized. Strict obedience to orders is required without the strain and stiffness of a formal military camp. The Scout law is camp law. Much attention is paid to making the camp free

### *Courtesies*

from flies, mosquitos, and all manner of unsanitary conditions that are apt to arise in any large camp. An army surgeon remarked last summer that Camp O-wa-sip-pe was the most sanitary camp he had ever seen. Complete and separate toilet facilities have been arranged. All drinking water comes from deep wells, and is frequently tested, though contamination is not easily possible, owing to the location and care of these wells.

### *Sanitation*





## DAILY PROGRAM.

- 6:00 A. M.—Reveille,  
Flag Salute, Set-  
ting-up Exercises,  
Morning Dip.
- 7:00 A. M.—Break-  
fast. Tent Clean-  
up.
- 8:00 A. M.—Assem-  
bly. Policing  
Grounds, Inspec-  
tion and Parade.
- 9:00 A. M.—Instruc-  
tion in Scouteraft.
- 11:00 A. M.—Swim-  
ming.
- 12:00 M.—Dinner.
- 12:30 P. M.—Quiet  
Hour. Letter  
Writing.
- 2:00 P. M.—Scout Games, Hikes, Stalking, Exploring Trips.
- 4:00 P. M.—Swimming and Water Sports.
- 6:00 P. M.—Assembly. Parade and Evening Colors.
- 6:20 P. M.—Supper.
- 7:30 P. M.—Camp Fire, Stories, Stunts.
- 8:50 P. M.—Tattoo.
- 9:00 P. M.—Taps.



The instruction in Scouteraft will be optional among the boys to a certain extent. No Scout will be expected to be idle during the hours 9:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M. No permission will be granted for absence from camp except in special instances. The afternoon period up to 4:00 o'clock will be given over to instructive hikes, exploring trips and Scout games. All athletics, field activities and inter-troop contests will be held in the afternoon. The camp is planned for the training of boys to be experts in all of the phases of Scouting.

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Name .....

Address .....

Troop No.....

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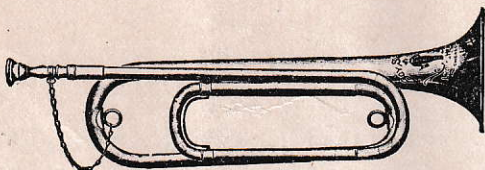
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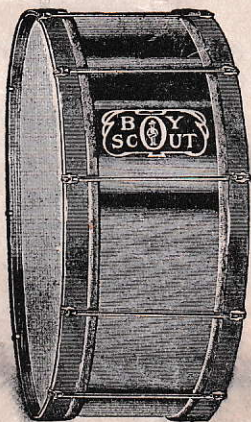
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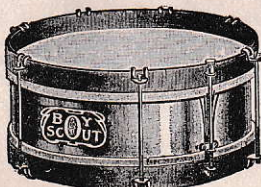
## Boy Scout Bass Drum



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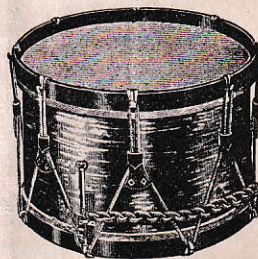
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Scoutmasters' Training Classes, Central Y. M. C. A., Tuesdays, 7:30 P. M.; McCormick Seminary, Thursdays at 2:00; University of Chicago, Wednesdays at 4:30; American College P. E., Fridays at 11:00 A. M.

Scoutmasters' District Meetings—West Side District, March 7th, 7:30 P. M., New First Congregational Church.

Scoutmasters' Annual Dinner, Tuesday, March 7th, Kimball Cafe.

Patrol Leaders' Institute—Chicago Avenue District, Saturday, February 19th, First Evangelical Church, 3070 Palmer Avenue.

Memorial Day Parade, May 30th, all Districts.

Annual Ball Game and Exhibition, June.

Scout Circus, May 6th, Dexter Pavilion, 43rd and Halsted streets.

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